

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: June 14, 2019

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 2077 Clark Avenue. Yes, before anyone asks the Prize Patrol realizes that the lawn is artificial turf, but the plantings and other features of the yard do provide an interesting and pleasing appearance. It is another variety of xeriscape using artificial turf with other plantings. It is a different non-traditional yard worth seeing.

Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will meet on Monday, June 17th from 6:45 to 8:00 pm. They will be discussing the results of the Youth Town Hall.

Senator Wyden Staff Visit

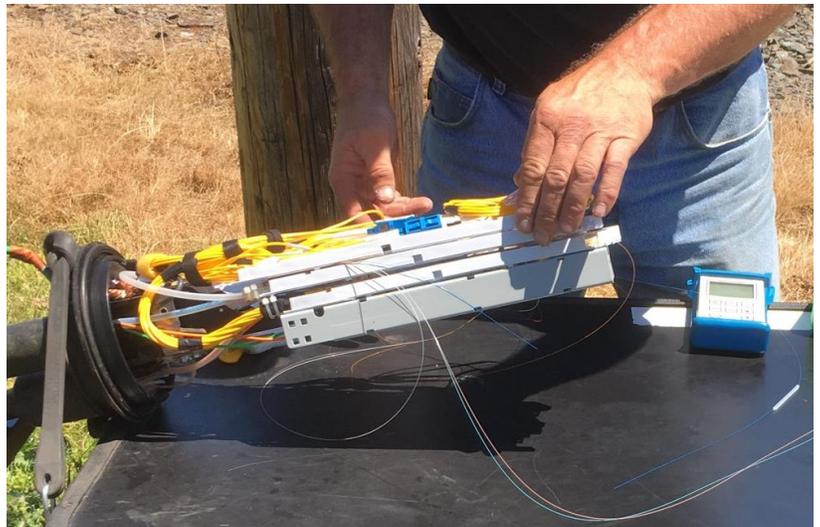
The City Manager visited with Juine Chada, Senator Wyden's Field Representative, and toured several projects underway in Cottage Grove. The tour also included a visit to PakTech and an opportunity to see operations and learn about PakTech and the community's needs.

Prosecuting Attorney

Several weeks ago the City's Prosecuting Attorney, John Woodworth, provided a letter expressing his desire to step down from the position of City Prosecutor. The City has issued a Request for Proposals from attorneys or law firms to provide the City Prosecutor services. The RFP process closed today at 3:00 pm and the City received three proposals from interested attorneys or law firms. We will be evaluating the proposals and hopefully be selecting one of the proposals.

Fiber Outage

On Wednesday morning the Cottage Grove portion of the City's fiber network went down. Our IT staff and fiber administrator worked throughout the day to find and fix the problem. Lane Council of Government (LCOG) put other resources into helping to try to isolate the issue. Douglas Fast Net (DFN) also came to help locate the problem and even volunteered and put resources into play to install an emergency route to get to the Willamette Exchange in Eugene.



When it was clear it was not a software or hardware issue, focus shifted to a break in the main transport fiber line back to Eugene. It was puzzling that all the other providers or carriers on the fiber backbone did not have any service problems. However, when test equipment identified a broken fiber within an area the focus turned to a splice can where the City's network connected into the fiber backbone. When the fiber technician opened the splice can, a single strand of fiber fell off the fiber splice tray. The fiber was quickly respliced and tested and immediately signals were restored.

The work DFN did to create a route around was valuable because it creates a redundancy that did not previously exist. The Fiber technician was not sure what caused the failure of the splice, which is one of the oldest splices on our network. We will be doing some additional checking of some of the older similar splices on the network.

Warren H. Daugherty Aquatic Center

The School District held a tour of the Aquatic Center construction this afternoon. The tanks for the competition pool and warm water pool are in place just needing the final finish. Other concrete work and operational equipment is being installed. The work on the pool is progressing well and is on schedule for an opening by the first part of September.

New Fleet & Facilities Manager

On Monday Jared Gates started working for the City as the new Fleet and Facilities Manager for the Public Works & Development Department. Jared will be responsible for maintaining all the City facilities, parks, and fleet vehicles. He oversees five full-time employees along with five temporary summer positions while maintaining the City facilities and fleet. Before joining the City's Public Works & Development team, Jared served as a Corporal to the Infantry Weapons Repair Division of the United States Marine Corps for four years. Most recently he worked for Weyerhaeuser Lumber Company as a Saw Filer in the Maintenance Department. We are excited to have Jared start his career here at Cottage Grove leading the Maintenance Division.

Quote of the Week

"The quality of a father can be seen in the goals, dreams and aspirations he sets not only for himself, but for his family."

~Reed Markham~